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INTRODUCTION: Relatively strong talk related to the situation in Korea continues to emanate from Soviet-Communist sources. Some of it appears in Radio Moscow's reports of the gigantic USSR "protest movement" against the American "aggression"; some of it in Radio Peking's reports of the only less gigantic Chinese Communist campaign to mobilize Chinese opinion against the "aggressors" and in support of Mao's determination to "liberate" Formosa despite the American action; and some of it in sporadic Satellite material. Gromyko's statement, distributed initially by TASS, makes few essentially new contributions to the already-established Soviet-Communist propaganda line. His declaration that the U.S. Government is "gradually pushing the U.S. step by step into an open war," however, appears to add overt official sanction to recent instances of Soviet-Communist fearmongering about the possibility of another war.

THE SOVIET PEOPLE "CURSE THE WARMONGERS, THE AMERICAN AGGRESSORS": To judge by monitored broadcasts, the USSR "hands-off-Korea" campaign is continuing at full force in meetings of workers and citizens throughout the length and breadth of the Soviet Union (as well as throughout the "progressive" world). Broadcast reports of these meetings apply to the Americans such words and phrases as "bloodthirsty," "barbarians," and "curse the warmongers." But available monitored broadcasts have not yet referred to use of the phrase "beasts of prey," which was one of their favorite expressions during the Soviets' World War II hate-campaign against the Nazis. (An American radio commentator, however, recently reported the appearance of this phrase, applied to the Americans, in PRAVDA.) The strongest statement attributed to an individual Soviet citizen at the pretest meetings occurs in a regional broadcast by radio Baku:

"The Soviet Union will never permit the bloodthirsty Western warmongers to destroy cities and slaughter citizens for their interests."

CHINESE DETERMINATION TO "LIBERATE" FORMOSA AND "EXPULS THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS": According to Communist Chinese broadcasts, all the people in China, wrathfully indignant against the American "aggressors," are rising in universal support of Mao's decision to continue preparations for the liberation of Formosa. Much is made of the strength of the Chinese people, which alone, as well as in combination with other Asian peoples, "is absolutely adequate to

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smash the American imperialists' wild dreams of aggression." It is predicted that the "designs contained in the preposterous American declaration (about Formosa)... are bound to become merely pitiable delusions." American strength is likened to the powerful appearance of a "paper tiger" which once exposed to the rain will disintegrate; and "the mad and violent act of the Americans" is called "the swan song of imperialism." The Chinese people "are not afraid of (Truman's) unreasonable and provocative act." They "cannot be pushed around." They "call on the people of the various oppressed nations in the Far East to rise as one... to check the new American aggression in the East." They "will devote themselves with one mind to struggling to the end for liberation of Formosa." They "are confident that the People's Liberation Army will liberate all the territories of China." There is, however, no explicit attention to the question of how or when the "liberation" of Formosa will be launched. The word "soon," used frequently before the President's decision, has not reappeared. Nor have there been any specific allusions to possible Chinese Communist material support of the North Koreans.

COMMUNIST VIETNAM'S "COMING GENERAL COUNTER-OFFENSIVE": Ho Chi Minh's Vietnam radio has issued another broadcast on the Korean situation. Generally repeating the established Communist line, it is of interest primarily because it includes the first reference to the "coming general Vietnam counter-offensive" in the context of attention to Korea. This counter-offensive has been predicted for many months by the Vietnam radio. But now it is linked to the events in Korea which have "confirmed once more that the forces for the preservation of world peace and democracy have ample strength to stop the war intentions of the reactionary Americans.... The battlefield of Vietnam and Indochina, together with the world democratic bloc led by the Soviet Union, will destroy the American reactionaries in the coming general counter-offensive which will wipe out the reactionary colonialists and their war machine." This unusually close association of the Soviet-led "democratic world" with the predicted general counter-offensive is also of interest.

OTHER STRONG COMMUNIST STATEMENTS: Finland's VAPAA SANNA complains that although Finnish political circles and the press "knew full well... what the Soviet attitude is to (recent events)... (and) what Finland's position is if a third world war starts," this has not prevented the bourgeois and Social Democratic press from siding with the Americans; it warns against propaganda that will again mislead the nation into wars against the Soviet Union. (The broadcast version of the article does not make explicit what Finland's actual position will or should be in the event of war; but it implies that Finland should side with the USSR.) The Soviet journalist, Orlov, writing in Berlin's Soviet Army organ, TAGEBLICKE RUNDSCHAU, associates "events in distant Korea" with the U.S. war instigators' plan to drag a vassalized Germany into war as part of the "military Western European Union"; he warns that "another war in Europe in accordance with the will of the U.S. war instigators would be a truly devastating disaster for Germany." A Bulgarian transmission claims that the imperialists "want to keep the Korean base for their aggressive plans against Free China and the USSR." And another says that as a result of the Korean events "the two camps in the world are today marked even more clearly." (The same broadcast compares Truman, who "threatens to use the atom bomb again," with the "great Stalin (who) expounds profound ideas in an article about Marxist philology.")

AMERICA'S PERVERSION OF THE U.N.: Although Soviet-Communist sources condemn America's alleged misuse of the U.N., they do not condemn the U.N. as such. One Soviet commentator calls attention to the "new horrible intention of the U.S. aggressors" to mark U.S. aircraft in Korea with the U.N. insignia.

WESTERN-ORIENTED COMMENT: Comments from Western sources do not concentrate on any one theme or idea. There is praise of the U.N., derision of the German Communist demand for withdrawal of occupation troops, concern about domestic defenses against a possible repetition of the Korean situation in the country concerned, and speculation about the role of the Chinese Communists relative to the Korean situation.

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